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Interview Summary	Application No.		Applicant(s)	
	10/078,190		STRATICO, GIANFRANCO	
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Date of Interview: 03 June 2004.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: All.

Identification of prior art discussed: The Prior Art US 4,205,429.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant urged that the prior art ('429) fails to teach or suggest inter alia "... pushing the portion of the stretch... in a direction having a circumferential component with respect to the axis" (Cf. a step of claims 8 and 32). The Patent Office disagrees with Applicant (Cf. the '429, col. 5, line 66 - col. 6, lines 10) and indicated that more details of this step is necessary in order to obtain possible patent coverage.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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 Examiner's signature, if required